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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:

Chapter 11 Case No.

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Debtors.

(Jointly Administered)

STATEMENT OF OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS
IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION OF LEHMAN COMMERCIAL PAPER INC.
PURSUANT TO SECTION 105 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE AND
FEDERAL RULE OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE 9019
FOR APPROVAL OF THAT CERTAIN AMENDED AND RESTATED
COMPROMISE BY AND AMONG LEHMAN COMMERCIAL PAPER INC.,
ALFRED H. SIEGEL, AS CHAPTER 11 TRUSTEE FOR THE SUNCAL
DEBTORS, AND THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED
CREDITORS IN THE SUNCAL BANKRUPTCY CASES

The Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee") appointed in the chapter 11 cases (the "Chapter 11 Cases") of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. ("LBHI") and each of its affiliated chapter 11 debtors, as debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), hereby files this statement (the "Statement") in support of Lehman Commercial Paper Inc.'s ("LCPI") motion, dated September 2, 2010 [Docket No. 11153] (the "Motion"), pursuant to sections 105 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1532 (as amended, the "Bankruptcy Code"), and Bankruptcy Rule 9019 for approval of that certain amended and

restated compromise (the "<u>Amended Settlement</u>") by and among LCPI, Alfred H. Siegel, as Chapter 11 Trustee for the SunCal Debtors (the "<u>SunCal Trustee</u>"), and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in the SunCal Bankruptcy Cases. In support of the Motion, the Committee respectfully states as follows:

STATEMENT

- 1. The Committee supports the relief requested in the Motion because, as set forth in the Motion and the Omnibus Reply,² the Amended Settlement (i) is in the best interest of the Debtors' estates and (ii) more than satisfies the standard applicable to such compromises under Bankruptcy Rule 9019. The Amended Settlement will result in a consensual resolution of nearly every outstanding issue in the SunCal Bankruptcy Cases, while affording to LCPI, *inter alia*, the right (heretofore disputed by the SunCal Trustee) to credit bid at any auction of the Properties, an allowed claim in an amount that reflects the current value of the Properties, and the right to all but 3.5% of the proceeds of any sale (under a chapter 11 plan or thereafter) of the Properties to a third party. More fundamentally, the Amended Settlement will obviate years of litigation over the equitable subordination and fraudulent conveyance issues raised by the SunCal Trustee, while ensuring that the Properties will either be sold to the highest bidder or brought back under the full control of LCPI, where their ultimate disposition can be more effectively and profitably managed by the Debtors.
- 2. The objections (the "Objections") filed by the three objectors to the Motion advance no arguments that should cause the Court to reach a different conclusion. The

All capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings attributed in the Motion.

Omnibus Reply to Objections to Motion of Lehman Commercial Paper Inc. Pursuant to Section 105 of the Bankruptcy Code and Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9019 for Approval of That Certain Amended and Restated Compromise by and Among Lehman Commercial Paper Inc., Alfred H. Siegel, As Chapter 11 Trustee for the SunCal Debtors, and the Official Committee Of Unsecured Creditors In the SunCal Bankruptcy Cases, dated September 20, 2010 [Docket No. 11456] (the "Omnibus Reply").

objection filed by Fidelity National Title Insurance Company ("<u>Fidelity</u>") is more in the nature of a "reservation of rights" as to arguments about the scope of coverage under LCPI's title insurance policies, which Fidelity may or may not raise in the future, and which nothing in the Amended Settlement preclude it from doing so.

- 3. The only concern (not otherwise addressed by clarifying changes to the Order) articulated by Gramercy Warehouse Funding I, LLC, in its capacity as second lien agent, is that the SunCal Trustee has not conducted adequate "diligence" about the claims against LCPI that it is releasing under the Amended Settlement to meet his burden in seeking approval of the Amended Settlement before the SunCal Court. Apart from the fact that the SunCal Trustee has indicated that he does not require additional diligence, nothing in Bankruptcy Rule 9019 or applicable precedent mandates that this Court determine, in the context of evaluating a settlement that otherwise satisfies the Rule 9019 standard, what another court may or may not need in order to evaluate a parallel settlement.
- 4. Finally, the objection filed by LBREP Lakeside SC Master I, LLC ("LBREP Lakeside") should be overruled because it does not contend that the Amended Settlement is not in the best interests of LCPI's creditors or adversely impacts, in any direct way, the rights of third parties. LBREP Lakeside's only complaints are that (i) the SunCal Trustee is not also settling with it; and (ii) LCPI will retain under the Amended Settlement a portion of its entitlement to share in future recoveries from the SunCal estate as an unsecured creditor. LCPI plainly cannot dictate especially when it might imperil its own favorable settlement with which other parties the SunCal Trustee elects to settle; and bedrock bankruptcy principles (reflected in Moore v. Bay, 284 U.S. 4, 5 (1931)) unequivocally permit LCPI to retain its right to an unsecured distribution from the SunCal estate while relinquishing other rights as a secured creditor. There is nothing extraordinary about such an arrangement, and no "perverse incentive"

would be created thereby for LCPI to do anything other than what it has done to date – provide an accurate account in discovery and at trial of what it has consistently maintained is a transaction that is not properly subject to equitable subordination or fraudulent conveyance challenge.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, as well as all the others set forth in the Omnibus Reply, the Committee respectfully requests that the Court (i) overrule the Objections; (ii) grant the relief requested in the Motion; and (ii) grant the Committee and the Debtors such other relief as is just.

Dated: New York, New York September 20, 2010

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